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allegiances

thunderclan-

leader: halfstar- huge black tom with thick fur, a scarred body, and a split face, half black, half white

deputy: maplecreek- dark tortoiseshell she-cat with white mitts

warriors (toms)

nightthorn- black tom with seeping green eyes

spiderfang- dark gray tabby tom with cold brown eyes

thistlefoot- light gray tom with golden eyes and a white chest

sunshade- black tom with bright lemon yellow eyes

badgerclaws- black and white striped tom with unusually long claws

blackdust- light gray tom flecked with black along his shoulders and back

warriors (she-cats)

sandclaw- light yellow she-cat with copper eyes

snowstep- white she-cat with yellow eyes

finchclaw- black and white she-cat with light copper eyes

petalwind- darker calico she-cat with light amber eyes

honeyfur- golden brown tabby she-cat with a beautiful face and green eyes

vipermask- pale gray-brown she-cat with a dark brown mask on her face, pale blue eyes, recovering from deathberry poison.

apprentices:

yewpaw- light ginger tabby she-cat

beechpaw- black tom

robinpaw- pale gray she-cat with a darker chest

finchpaw- black and white tom

gorsepaw- light gray tabby tom

queens:

pinebreeze- very pale tan she-cat with gradient tabby stripes and darker ears, light green eyes (mother to Beekit)

elders:

toadpelt- dark brown tom with lighter patches

vipermask- young pale gray-brown she-cat with a dark brown mask on her face, pale blue eyes, recovering from deathberry poison.

birdwhisper- light gray tabby she-cat

medicine cat:

aldergaze- dark ginger she-cat with bright green eyes

apprentice- cinderleaf (pretty light gray she-cat with white socks)

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windclan-

leader: quailstar- light gray-brown tabby tom with a white belly

deputy: owlsight- dark brown tom with far-seeing amber eyes

warriors (toms)

harewhisker- very light gray tabby tom

ravensnout- gray tom with a black nose

shrewfeather- black tom

dustclaw- light brown tom

warriors (she-cats)

grasslight- pale brown tabby she-cat

fawnclaw- light brown she-cat flecked with white

brightstorm- light orange tabby she-cat

goldbriar- light yellow she-cat

apprentices:

willowpaw- dark gray she-cat (apprenticed to shrewfeather)

queens:

grasslight- pale brown tabby she-cat (expecting owlsight's kits)

fawnclaw- light brown she-cat flecked with white (expecting ravensnout's kits)

elders:

rubbleclaw- gray tom with lighter patches

medicine cat:

thistleberry- dark gray she-cat with a white belly

apprentice: rosepaw (pale red-brown she-cat with tabby stripes)

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riverclan-

leader: swanstar- lithe white she-cat with a black "mask"

deputy: webfur- gray tom with lighter patches

warriors (toms)

hailstrike- gray tabby tom

frogsplash- dark brown tom

warriors (she-cats)

leopardcreek- light golden she-cat with brown flecks

cloudfrost- light gray she-cat with whisps of white

apprentices:

birchpaw- small tabby white she-cat (apprenticed to hailstrike)

graypaw- fluffy gray tom (apprenticed to frogsplash)

queens:

brookfern- brown tabby she-cat (expecting frogsplash's kits)

elders:

mossydusk- black and white she-cat

troutfur- black tom

pebbleclaw- light brown tom

medicine cat:

duckwater- fluffy light yellow she-cat

apprentice: appledust (light tortoiseshell she-cat)

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shadowclan-

leader: amberstar- light orange tabby she-cat with calm green eyes

deputy: wolfclaw- light gray she-cat with yellow eyes

warriors (toms)

nutstripe- brown tabby tom

rowanstrike- dark ginger tom

warriors (she-cats)

lizardfur- very pale yellow she-cat with black stripes

dapplefoot- tortoiseshell she-cat

apprentices:

slickpaw- lithe tabby tom

featherpaw- brown tom

queens:

deerfeather- very pale tan she-cat with green eyes (expecting wolfclaw's kits)

silverfur- gray she-cat with pale copper eyes (mother to specklekit and brackenkit)

elders:

rattail- dark brown tom with a lighter tail

medicine cat:

sagewater- pale gray she-cat with pretty hazel eyes

loss

...

loss

...hey

loss

my name is Cinderleaf.

loss

And I'm a medicine cat of ThunderClan.

loss

Actually I'm *the* medicine cat of ThunderClan.

loss

My mentor, Aldergaze, is dead, if you were wondering.

loss

She had greencough.

loss

I should also mention that my sisters are leaving the Clan.

loss

Don't ask how I know.

loss

But I mean, it's kind of obvious. Ever since Ravenkit was murdered, they've been conversing in the quietness of the elders' den.

Vipermask is very angry at Pinebreeze.

loss

I wish I could say I'm going with them.

I

I looked from my herb sorting to see a small kit- a spitting image of Vipermask.

"Who are you?" it asks.

Seriously? I can't tell her what I'm thinking, but I roll my eyes and look away.

"Can you come with me?" she asks.

I stare at her for a moment, and then turn to follow her.

II

I follow her to the elder's den.

III

I walk over to Pinebreeze and Vipermask. The elders are nowhere to be seen.

Halfstar's judging gaze is scorching the back of my head.

I duck inside the elders' den and looked at my sisters talking.

They immediately notice mine and Beekit's presence.

"Cinderleaf?" Vipermask gets to her feet. She runs over and nuzzles me.

"Cinderleaf!" Pinebreeze stands up.

Beekit shies away from us reuniting.

"Beekit! This is Cinderleaf-"

"Our sister," Vipermask finishes. She glares at Pinebreeze.

IV

"I didn't know you had a sister," Beekit mews, looking up at Pinebreeze.

"Well now you know," Vipermask says briskly.

"Listen, Cinderleaf, we've got to get out of here, will you come with us?"

I cock my head and try to emphasize that I want to know where we're going.

"I think she wants to know where we'll be going," Vipermask says.

"We can probably go to Jillian's barn. It's right off of ShadowClan territory," Pinebreeze suggests. "I think Blackdust mentioned it once."

Will we be safe?

V

Beekit looks a little lost. "Why are we leaving?"

I know she knows why. I think she just wants to hear it again to make sure she's not dreaming or some fox-dung like that.

"Listen, Beekit," Pinebreeze explains. "Once you're an apprentice, it'll be a lot harder to run away because you'll be fighting in the war against RiverClan and the rogues."

"Okay," Beekit mumbles.

"We are leaving tomorrow, no more putting this off," Vipermask growls.

I nod to show that I'll come with them.

VI

I wish they could hear me.

I went mute around the age of 3 moons.

My voice had been scratchy anyways, so it wasn't much of a surprise.

But it still hit hard.

Very hard.

It's hard when you can't be heard.

Pinebreeze's voice snaps me out of my thoughts.

"Okay?"

I pick my head up, having no idea what she's said.

I prodded her with one paw, gesturing for her to repeat.

"Well, we're going to go to Jillian's barn and then figure things out from there," she mews, "and hopefully Blackdust can come."

"Who's Blackdust?" Beekit mews cautiously, as if she has a faint idea but can't place the name.

VII

Pinebreeze flinches.

"Blackdust is your father, Beekit."

I roll my eyes.

I really hope I wasn't that annoying as a kit.

VIII

But the fact that Beekit doesn't know her own father is strange.

As Pinebreeze and Vipermask continue to whisper, their voices buzz as I drown myself in my own thoughts.

Jillian-

The sleek tan tabby she-cat who is unusually tall and had large ears.

I've never seen her, but I have heard Aldergaze talk about her.

Aldergaze-

I miss her.

I wish someone were here to guide me right now. I've never particularly missed anyone; I'd barely known Pinebreeze and Vipermask before I was taken away.

IX

Dawn comes much faster than I'd hoped.

I hear rustling and a small paw pokes me in the face.

What?

It's just Beekit.

I slowly rise to my feet and exit the den.

I carry Pinebreeze's daughter by the scruff hurriedly and hop over the thornbushes that mark the edge of our camp.

Pinebreeze is there already, and her eyes look like blue moons.

Vipermask is there also, the pale scars on her throat catch the moonlight.

Scars from Halfstar.

X

Scars that shouldn't be there.

We leave camp almost successfully when, while Vipermask is escorting Beekit out of the brambles and past ThunderClan territory, a loud screech echoes from camp.

"Traitors!"

I push Vipermask in front of me and her eyes flash with remorse.

She's remembering Ravendusk's death.

She nudges me in front of her and I collect Beekit from her jaws.

I run after Pinebreeze into the night.

XI

I never see her come back.

Vipermask?

"Cinderleaf- Vipermask-"

I shake my head.

"She- she remembered Ravendusk- didn't she?"

I nod.

"So sh- so she sacrificed herself?"

I nod again, and look away.

We duck under a tree as rain begins to pour down.

XII

Beekit looks nervous.

"Where did Vipermask go?" she questions, her voice shaking, as if she just noticed she'd gone.

I look at Pinebreeze.

"She's gone."

"She went back?"

"N-no. She- she's- she's just- gone," Pinebreeze mews. She doesn't want to believe it.

This all happened too fast.

I curl my tail around Beekit and Pinebreeze lays down on the other side of her.

We all sleep, feeling a sharp pain of grief.

We shouldn't remember her as just Vipermask, I think to myself. *That mask has been torn off. She was always there for me, even though I hardly saw her at all.*

Vipermask..

XIII

I wake up to the sound of cats screaming.

I peer outside and blood splatters all over my gray fur.

Well that was pleasant.

I poke Pinebreeze's pale fur and she blinks her blue eyes at me.

She gasps, and I slap her mouth with my tail.

"Wha-" she tries to say through my tail fluff.

They've moved the battlefield..
oh no, this is very bad..

I nudge Beekit and she looks tiredly at me.

XIV

"What's wrong?" Beekit asks groggily.

I nod towards the fighting cats.

"Oh."

Pinebreeze wakes up. "Cinderleaf, what's wrong?"

I nod towards the battle again.

"Oh.."

Like mother, like daughter.

XV

I turn Vipermask's body over with my nose and see the tear in her throat.

Suddenly a tuft of black fur in her claws catches my eye.

I sniff it cautiously.

A familiar scent hits me.

Blackdust.

A cat I hadn't know for long, but I know he was Pinebreeze's mate.

XVI

Suddenly I'm in the past.

Blackdust..

If I've learned anything from eavesdropping, it's that some cats are not what they seem.

XVII

I look over at the log where Pinebreeze and Beekit are sleeping.

How would Pinebreeze react?

I don't think I ever would've trusted Blackdust if I'd met him. I wonder what Vipermask's thoughts on him were.

XVIII

After a few days' traveling, we arrive at Jillian'a barn. The lanky she-cat with a swollen belly climbs down a ladder very slowly and sniffs us.

"Who're you?" she asks. "Smell like Cl'n cats."

"Yeah, we're from ThunderClan."

"ThunderCl'n?" the tall cat asks, sitting down. She's obviously expecting kits. "Never heard of it. What're your names?"

"I'm Pinebreeze, this is my daughter, Beekit, and my sister, Cinderleaf."

"Those are weird names," Jillian remarks. "This is my mate, Mickey." As she calls his name, a massive brown tom leaps from the barn loft, and lands with a thump.

XIX

"And that's how we came to the barn," Pinebreeze meows.

Pepper, Raven, and Jax are looking at us with wide eyes. Beemask is watching them from her perch on the barrel, her green eyes relaxed.

If you're wondering, we have given Beemask a warrior name, and we named her after Vipermask.

We also named Jillan's youngest kit after Ravendusk. Pinebreeze says that he reminds her of the black she-cat.

Mickey was hit by a tractor a few moons ago, but he's recovering.

Life is good.